Lesson Twelve: The Passive Participle
[اِسْم اَلْمَفْعُوْل]

PRINCIPLE ONE

The *passive participle* (**اسْم اَلْمَفْعُوْل**) refers to a person or thing upon which the action described by the base letters is enacted. For example, the letters **ف–ع–ل** mean "to do" and its passive participle **مَفْعُوْل** refers to "that which was done."

PRINCIPLE TWO

The masculine form of the *passive participle* is constructed by placing the three base letters on the pattern of **مَفْعُوْل**. For example, replacing the *fā'* (**ف**), *'ain* (**ع**), and *lām* (**ل**) positions in this pattern with **ض–ر–ب** (*to strike*) forms **مَضْرُوْب** (*a male who was struck* or *a masculine object that was struck*) [*figure 12.1*].

PRINCIPLE THREE

The feminine form of the *passive participle* is constructed by placing the three base letters on the pattern of **مَفْعُوْلَة**. For example, **ض–ر–ب** (*to strike*) becomes **مَضْرُوْبَة** (*a female who was struck* or *a feminine object that was struck*).

PRINCIPLE FOUR

The dual and the sound plural for the *passive participle* are constructed in a manner similar to that outlined for the dual and the sound plural of the *active participle* (*lesson eleven*). For the most part, *passive participle*s do not use the broken plural.

ESSENTIAL NOTE

The conjugations of the *passive participle* must be memorized (*table 12.1*) before moving to the next lesson.

مَفْعُوْل

MASCULINE *PASSIVE PARTICIPLE*

↓ *Step One: Separate the letters of the model*

مَ فْ عُ وْ ل

↓ *Step Two: Replace the base letters* (ف–ع–ل) *with corresponding new letters* (ض–ر–ب)

مَ ضْ رُ وْ ب

↓ *Step Three: Reattach the letters of the word to form the passive participle*

مَضْرُوْب

A MALE WHO WAS STRUCK or A MASCULINE OBJECT THAT WAS STRUCK

FIGURE 12.1

FORMING THE MASCULINE *PASSIVE PARTICIPLE*

TABLE 12.1

THE *PASSIVE PARTICIPLE*

FEMININE			MASCULINE			
SOUND PLURAL	**DUAL**	**SINGLE**	**SOUND PLURAL**	**DUAL**	**SINGLE**	
مَفْعُوْلاَتٌ those which were done	مَفْعُوْلَتَانِ those two which were done	مَفْعُوْلَةٌ that which was done	مَفْعُوْلُوْنَ those which were done	مَفْعُوْلاَنِ those two which were done	مَفْعُوْلٌ that which was done	رَفْع
مَفْعُوْلاَتٍ those which were done	مَفْعُوْلَتَيْنِ those two which were done	مَفْعُوْلَةً that which was done	مَفْعُوْلِيْنَ those which were done	مَفْعُوْلَيْنِ those two which were done	مَفْعُوْلاً that which was done	نَصْب
مَفْعُوْلاَتٍ those which were done	مَفْعُوْلَتَيْنِ those two which were done	مَفْعُوْلَةٍ that which was done	مَفْعُوْلِيْنَ those which were done	مَفْعُوْلَيْنِ those two which were done	مَفْعُوْلٍ that which was done	جَرّ